

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 12, 2015
2:18 P.M

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

A P P E A R A N C E S :

DENNIS DUNNE,
Chairman

DONALD MACKENZIE,
Vice Chairman

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

DENISE FORD

LAURA CURRAN,
Ranking

DAVID DENENBERG

KEVAN ABRAHAMS

WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
Clerk of the Legislature

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

LIST OF SPEAKERS

TIMOTHY HAHN, Department of Forensic Toxicology.....	5
CHRISTOPHER MISTRON, Nassau County Traffic Safety Board.....	8
GREG STEPHANOFF, Sergeant, Nassau County Police Department.....	13

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Will the members
3 of the Public Safety Committee please take
4 their seats? I'll act as clerk for roll
5 call. Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams?

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
8 Denenberg?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Ranking Member
11 Laura Curran?

12 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
14 Denise Ford?

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
17 Vincent Muscarella?

18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Vice Chairman
20 Donald MacKenzie?

21 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

22 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And I'm here.

23 We have a quorum. Legislator Denenberg is
24 present. We are going to bunch these
25 together. We have quite a few with the

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 medical examiner's office, three of them, as
3 a matter of fact. So, I'm going to call
4 9-15, 12-15 and 13-15, they are all
5 ordinances supplemental to the annual
6 appropriations ordinance in connection with
7 the Department of Toxicology, Medical
8 Examiner, the Office of Forensic Genetics,
9 with the Medical Examiner and with the
10 Office of Forensic Genetics again.

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Denise
14 Ford, seconded by Legislator MacKenzie. Who
15 do we have to speak about this?

16 MR. HAHN: Timothy Hahn from the
17 Department of Forensic Toxicology.

18 The first one is a grant in the
19 amount of \$46,200. That's a grant from the
20 New York State Governor's Traffic Safety
21 Committee. It's used to support DWI, DUI
22 testing for blood alcohol and drug testing.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: That's state
24 funded?

25 MR. HAHN: That's state funded.

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent.

3 Next.

4 MR. HAHN: The next grant is a
5 grant in the amount of \$301,419. That is a
6 grant that's a federal grant that is used to
7 reduce the DNA backlog and to improve the
8 case turnaround time for DNA testing.

9 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Again, no county
10 monies. That's federal money?

11 MR. HAHN: That's federal money.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Next?

13 MR. HAHN: The next grant is in
14 the amount of \$22,202. That's a federal
15 pass-through grant to the Paul Coverdell
16 Grant and that's used to support the
17 laboratory information system for the DNA
18 lab.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Again, no county
20 dollars coming out of that, it's all grant
21 money?

22 MR. HAHN: Correct.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions
24 from any legislators?

25 (No verbal response.)

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 Is there any public comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 There being none, all those in
5 favor indicate by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Any against?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 All three are passed. Thank you,
10 Mr. Hahn.

11 The next items are, and we are
12 going to call them as a group, it's Items
13 14-15, 18-15, 19-15, 20-15, and I believe
14 33-15. They are ordinances supplemental to
15 the annual appropriations ordinance in
16 connection with the Traffic Safety Board.
17 Let me review that again. 14, 29, 31, 32,
18 and 33 are the ones I'm calling. All
19 ordinances supplemental to the annual
20 appropriations ordinance in connection with
21 the Traffic Safety Board, each and every one
22 of them reads the same. They're all
23 different.

24 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
3 Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator
4 Muscarella.

5 MR. MISTRON: Christopher
6 Mistron, Nassau County Traffic Safety,
7 Department of Public Works.

8 The first one, number 14, is a
9 grant that's being received through the
10 Governor's Traffic Safety by way of the New
11 York State Stop DWI Foundation. What that
12 is for is special holiday enforcement monies
13 specifically outlined everything from Super
14 Bowl Sunday to St. Patrick's Day to July 4th
15 to Memorial Day to Labor Day. This is money
16 targeted for specific holidays. The bulk of
17 it goes to the police department as well as
18 partners within some of the villages and
19 city police departments for that special
20 enforcement time.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. 29.

22 MR. MISTRON: 29 is the monies to
23 establish the Stop DWI program for 2015 as
24 outlined in a report to New York State and
25 approved by the New York State Governor's

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 Traffic Safety. The elements include monies
3 to be provided to the police department for
4 enforcement, both for the Nassau County PD
5 as well as the villages, as well as the
6 probation department, district attorney, and
7 for education rehabilitation purposes.

8 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Again, accepting
9 funds to help us out.

10 MR. MISTRON: Correct. And this
11 money specifically is generated through
12 fines collected for DWI.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Item 31.

14 MR. MISTRON: 31 is a grant from
15 the Governor's Traffic Safety for child
16 passenger safety. It allows the department
17 to purchase car seats and equipment to be
18 able to do child safety checks throughout
19 the county.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. The
21 next one, 32?

22 MR. MISTRON: Item 32 is the
23 Police Traffic Services Grant. It is a
24 grant through the Governor's Traffic Safety
25 Committee for distribution to the Police

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 Department as well as 20 of the village city
3 police departments within Nassau County for
4 purposes of enforcing the buckle up laws for
5 a week period within May as well as
6 aggressive driving and pedestrian safety
7 programs throughout the county.

8 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. And
9 finally number 33.

10 MR. MISTRON: 33, the last one,
11 is the handicap parking surcharge grant.
12 What that does is, it provides money for
13 special programs geared towards everything
14 from specialized child safety seat checks
15 for parents with special needs children, as
16 well as education for purposes of
17 handicapped or special needs.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Very
19 interesting. Any questions from any
20 legislators about any of these items?
21 Legislator David Denenberg.

22 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Mr.
23 Mistron, first, my compliments on another
24 great year, you do a great job with these
25 programs.

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 The grant money that was
3 represented by these supplemental
4 ordinances, are we up or down from last
5 year?

6 MR. MISTRON: In actuality, the
7 DWI fine revenues are down, so therefore the
8 DWI program is down. But that's a good
9 thing because that means that we've reached
10 a point where our arrests have been
11 decreased because there are fewer people
12 breaking the law.

13 In the case of the other three
14 grants, we were actually able to secure, not
15 substantial, but additional funding for all
16 the different programs from the state.

17 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So it's
18 up?

19 MR. MISTRON: Yes, it's up.

20 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: A
21 percentage up?

22 MR. MISTRON: It varies. It's
23 anything from -- in the case of the
24 handicapped, it was \$10,000 more than last
25 year. So, it's \$10,000 in addition to the

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 original from last year. The other ones
3 were increases of anything from \$500 for the
4 child passenger safety to around \$15,000 for
5 the overall state grant for enforcement.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Good.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you. Any
9 other legislator?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Is there any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 There being none, all those in
14 favor for Items 14, 29, 31, 32, and 33
15 indicate by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any against?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 They all pass.

20 The next items to come before us
21 deal with the police department. They are
22 item numbers 18-15, 19-15, and 20-15. They
23 all state: Ordinance supplemental to the
24 annual appropriations ordinance in
25 connection with the police department. All

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 three of them are the same.

3 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
6 Vincent Muscarella, seconded by Legislator
7 MacKenzie.

8 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Good
9 afternoon, Sergeant Greg Stephanoff. Happy
10 New Year to everybody.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Happy New Year
12 to you too.

13 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: The first
14 grant, 18-15, is a grant for \$1,425,095.
15 There is a \$475,000 match that will come
16 from capital.

17 This grant has two projects. The
18 first project is to buy two 27 foot boats
19 from Marine Bureau to replace older boats
20 and we are also going to purchase equipment.
21 Part of it is radiation detection equipment
22 to add on to the boats.

23 The second project is going to be
24 to enhance our IT infrastructure against
25 cyber attacks. It's going to be used to

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 enhance units outside the building. Like,
3 the cars have commuters now. We have
4 substations. You can't prevent a cyber
5 attack but you can help detect and also deal
6 with it so you have no loss of information.

7 Number 19-15 is a Homeland
8 Security Grant for \$50,000. This grant is
9 going to be used to enhance security for our
10 buildings. I believe we do a site analysis
11 of our security concerns and I believe
12 headquarters was chosen for this grant so we
13 are going to use it to enhance security such
14 as adding bollards to the building.

15 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Item 20.

16 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Item 20 is
17 a \$100,000 grant. Also Homeland Security.
18 This grant is going to be used for exercises
19 and equipment. The equipment is going to be
20 given to our bureau of special operations.
21 We're going to be giving them tactical entry
22 kits, tactical vests, and tactical
23 floatation devices in case they have to do
24 anything with Marine Bureau to assist with
25 Marine Bureau. So with tactical floatation

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 will let them go into the water and maintain
3 buoyancy.

4 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
5 MacKenzie had a question about the boats.

6 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Is it
7 specific as to where those boats are going
8 to be located?

9 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: This is
10 part of the port security program, that
11 first grant. So it's going to basically
12 secure the waterways and we work with -- the
13 port security grant is working with the city
14 also. We are going to be buying two of
15 them. I think they are going to be placed
16 as the need arises.

17 We also have boats always on the
18 North Shore and South Shore. This is going
19 to replace older boats from the fleet.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
21 have any other questions?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 There being none, all those in

Public Safety Committee/1-12-15

2 favor indicate by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any against?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 All three items pass. There is
7 no other business to come before this
8 committee. A motion to adjourn.

9 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
12 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
13 Legislator MacKenzie. All in favor in favor
14 indicate by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any against?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 We are now adjourned. Public
19 Works Committee is next.

20 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
21 Committee adjourned at 2:29 p.m.)

22

23

24

25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
of the proceedings in the above-entitled
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 26th day of January, 2015.

FRANK GRAY